

News & Events



Aspire Center - Finding Solace: Many female Veterans returning from wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are faced with issues from their deployments that affect their future. Linette Davis is a great example of this and we've written a profile story on her [here](#).



Dr. Oxman Receives Award: As part of the VA San Diego Research Symposium held on May 20, the Veterans Research Alliance gave Dr. Michael Oxman an award for excellence in his lifetime service to Veterans. The symposium featured lectures by Dr. Oxman, along with Dr. Brian Head and Dr. Douglas Richman.



SCI 25th Anniversary: VA San Diego Healthcare System held a ceremony for the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Spinal Cord Injury Clinic on April 25. You can read more about its history [here](#).



Community Advisory Co-chair Retires: Joseph Brunner retired after four years as co-chair of the VA Community Advisory Board at the end of March. Taking on his duties is Ron Stark, a participant of the United Veterans Council of San Diego County. Learn more [here](#).



1st Floor Remodel: With a grand piano dedicated by voluntary service on May 20, the last major additions for the first floor remodel is complete. If you haven't already done so, please check out the brand new gallery of military photos adorning the walls.

Media Hits



Wait times: VA San Diego Healthcare System has seen its fair share of local stories on the national topic of Veterans Access to care. Among the few channels providing coverage on the topic is the [UT San Diego](#), [XETV](#), [KGTV](#) and others.



Female Veteran: Two channels picked up on the VA San Diego story of Linette Davis and decided to give it their own spin. You can see the results in these stories from [KPBS](#) and [KGTV](#).



PVA Story: NBC's Bridget Naso produced a feature on PVA National Senior Vice President Al Kovach to coincide with the 25th anniversary of the spinal cord injury clinic. Click [here](#) to check it out!

Accomplishments & Awards



Jill Bormann: The Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Nursing Services announced that Dr. Jill Bormann has been awarded the Secretary's Award for Excellence in Nursing and Advancement in Nursing Programs. Her specific category was in an "expanded role" and hailed her work in treating Veterans using the Mantram Repetition Program.



Recycler of the Year: VASDHS was selected as the recipient for the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department 2014 "Recycler of the Year." The award was presented April 29 on the USS Makin Island.

Upcoming Events

Father's Day: June 16
Good Friday: First Day of Summer June 21
House Staff Orientation: June 23 and July 1
PTSD Awareness Day: June 27
National HIV Testing Day: June 27
Independence Day: July 4
LGBT Pride Parade: July 19
Stand Down: July 18 – 20